

Mississippi River Basin Healthy Watersheds Initiative (MRBI)

Initiative Description/Summary: The purpose of MRBI is to improve water quality, restore wetlands, and enhance wildlife habitat within selected watersheds of the Mississippi River Basin. The initiative provides assistance through the Cooperative Conservation Partnership Initiative (CCPI) using the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP), Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program (WHIP), and Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) as described in this guidance. Assistance is also provided through the Wetlands Reserve Enhancement Program (WREP).

Eligible Counties in MS: MRBI funds will be allocated to States for use only within priority watersheds with approved CCPI projects.

Bolivar	Holmes	Panola	Tate
Carroll	Humphreys	Sharkey	Warren
Coahoma	Issaquena	Sunflower	Washington
DeSoto	Leflore	Tallahatchie	Yazoo

Approved Land Types – The following land uses are eligible for this initiative: crop, pasture, grazed range, headquarters, and wildlife.

Approved Conservation Practices:

Contracts developed under MRBI must include at least one of the applicable core practices, or must be completing a conservation system that supports core practices that are documented as already applied on the land under contract.

Core Practices	
Practice Code	Practice Name
Avoiding	
327	Conservation Cover
328	Conservation Crop Rotation
340	Cover Crop
590	Nutrient Management
528	Prescribed Grazing
612	Tree/Shrub Establishment
Controlling	
342	Critical Area Planting
554	Drainage Water Management
512	Forage and Biomass Planting
412	Grassed Waterway
441	Irrigation System, Micro irrigation
442	Irrigation System, Sprinkler
443	Irrigation System, Surface and Subsurface
449	Irrigation Water Management
329	Residue & Tillage Management, No-Till/Strip Till/Direct Seed
600	Terrace
Trapping	
656	Constructed Wetland
393	Filter Strip
436	Irrigation Reservoir
391	Riparian Forest Buffer
601	Vegetative Barrier

Conservation Practices Eligible For Payment:

<u>Practice Code</u>	<u>Practice</u>
102	Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan
104	Nutrient Management Plan
110	Grazing Management Plan – Written
114	Integrated Pest Management Plan
118	Irrigation Water Management – Written
130	Drainage Water Management Plan – Written
313	Waste Storage Facility
315	Herbaceous Weed Control
316	Animal Mortality Facility
317	Composting Facility
327	Conservation Cover
328	Conservation Crop Rotation
329	Residue Management-No-Till/Strip Till/Direct Seed
340	Cover Crop
342	Critical Area Stabilization
350	Sediment Basin
356	Dike
360	Closure of Waste Impoundment
362	Diversion
378	Pond
381	Silvopasture Establishment
382	Fence
386	Field Border
391	Riparian Forest Buffer
393	Filter Strip
410	Grade Stabilization Structure
412	Grassed Waterway
422	Hedgerow Planting
430	Irrigation Water Conveyance, Pipeline
436	Irrigation Storage Reservoir
441	Irrigation System, Microirrigation
442	Irrigation System, Sprinkler
443	Irrigation System, Surface and Subsurface
449	Irrigation Water Management
464	Irrigation Land Leveling
468	Lined Waterway or Outlet
484	Mulching
490	Tree/Shrub Site Preparation
511	Forage Harvest Management
512	Forage and Biomass Planting
516	Pipeline
528	Prescribed Grazing
533	Pumping Plant

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Conservation Practices Eligible For Payment:

<u>Practice Code</u>	<u>Practice</u>
554	Drainage Water Management
560	Access Road
561	Heavy Use Area Protection
578	Stream Crossing
587	Structure for Water Control
590	Nutrient Management
600	Terrace
601	Vegetative Barrier
607	Surface Drainage, Field Ditch
612	Tree/Shrub Establishment
614	Watering Facility
620	Underground Outlet
629	Waste Treatment
634	Manure Transfer
642	Water Well
644	Wetland Wildlife Habitat Management
656	Constructed Wetland